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COUNTRY Argentina

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(Polish) in Argentina 25X1A

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ORIGIN

SOURCE

- The Sociedad Polonia Libra "Maria Konopnicko" (Scriety of Free Poland "Maria Konophicka") with headquarters at Calles Trelles 2753, Buenos Aires, is the most important Polish Communist organization in Argentina, with an approximate active membership of 300.
- 2. The Board of Directors of the S.P.L. "M.K." is as fullows:

Prosident

Francisco Novek (Novak)

Sec.-General

Francisco Ograbek

Treasurer

Demitrio Sementuk (Ukvainian)

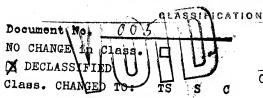
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Wenceslao Staduik Jose Wojtowicz

Cultural

Antonio Paulosii

- 3. The society was founded in 1940 by Sra. Elena Rosenblatt de Santiage, a Polish citizen, who belonged to the Communist Party in Poland, and who worked from 1937 to 1939 for the Cdynia-America Navigation Company in Buenou Aires. Sra. Rosenblatt de Santiago has always maintained contact with the Argentine Commuadst Perty.
- 4. Despite the founding of the organization by Sra. Rosenblutt de Santiage, leadership and control was exercised by the Polish Communist Estanishee Kowalouki, who returned to Poland in April of 1947. By infiltrating, the Communical were able to capture control of two small but long-established sociaties called "Wolna Polska" and "Marie Konopsicka". The two were later united under the present name of Socieded Polonia Libra "Maria Konopulcke".
- 5. Essentially, the subject society is a Polish organization, but there is a large percentage of Ukrainians who belong to it. These Ukrainians hold Polish citizenship because they were born sast of the Curzon Line in the Polish provinces, and emigrated to Argentina before World Wer II. Most of those who came from 25X1A the provinces of Volkynia, Wilko, and Bialystok were Commutats before they left. Europa.
 - 6. After the subject society joined the Slav Union of Argentian, instructions were issued by the Union that the subject society form a Circuio de Juventual Polace (Circle of Polish Youth), for the purpose of upreading Communist propaganda among Folish youth. The extent of the membership of the latter group is not known, but it is believed that much success has been achieved by it through the holding of social sfiairs.



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- 7. The society has also formed an aid committee, called <u>Comite de Ayuda a Polonia</u>, (Committee to Aid Poland), which is located at Calles Trelles 2753, Buenos Aires. This latter group is not to be confused with the <u>Comite de Socorro a Las Victimas de la Guerra en Polonia</u>, which is an anti-Communist group in Argentina. The objectives of the <u>Comite de Ayuda a Polonia</u> are said to be:
 - a. To form a front organization which will attract non-Communist Poles to membership, and then subject them to a barrage of propaganda.
 - b. To collect funds for "aid to Poland", but in reality to finance the local Communist Party.
- 8. The Board of Directors of the Comite de Avuda a Polonia is composed of:

President

J. Mach

Sec .- Ceneral

W. Masmowelch

Control Committee -

Estantaleo Hejduga

Jose Jankowski

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